

What is claimed is:

1. A printer able to select and print arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with its making date,

5 wherein, when automatic printing information for automatically printing the image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium, printing according to this automatic printing information is executed, and when said automatic printing information is not recorded, the making dates
10 of the respective image data are compared and at least one item of image data counted from the newest side is printed.

2. The printer according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium is set to the recording medium of a digital camera.

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3. The printer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said automatic printing information is set to a DPOF file.

4. A printing method of a printer for selecting and printing
20 arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with its making date,

 wherein, when automatic printing information for automatically printing the image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium, printing according to this
25 automatic printing information is executed, and when said automatic printing information is not recorded, the making dates of the respective image data are compared and at least one item

of image data counted from the newest side is printed.